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Riverside to Rededicate Historic Auditorium

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Join Riverside officials on Wednesday for a rededication of the historic Municipal Auditorium. The ceremony is from 5:30 -7:00 p.m. -- followed by tours of the building.

The Mission/Spanish Revival building located at 3801 Mission Inn Avenue originally opened on November 12, 1928 and served as a memorial to 87 service members from Riverside County who died in World War I. It was added to the National Registry of Historic Places on March 31, 1978.

The Auditorium is being rededicated after a nearly one year restoration effort. Construction began in October 2011 and was completed this summer at a final cost of \$9.5 million. The retrofit preserved the integrity of the facility with seismic work throughout, including re-roofing, and new electrical, plumbing and communication systems. In addition, the exterior façade and walls were restored. Guests will enjoy greater comfort and convenience with an improved sound system, upgraded heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems and completely restored historic auditorium seats. Other improvements included new landscaping, refurbished fountains and modern security systems.

About the City of Riverside: The City of Riverside, located in the Inland Southern California region, currently ranks as the 12th largest city in California, 6th in Southern California, and is the largest city in one of the fastest growing regions in the United States. Riverside's excellence in high technology, workforce development, digital inclusion, arts, innovation, collaboration and social capital resulted in the City being named the 2012 Most Intelligent Community in the World! As an economically vibrant and culturally diverse city, Riverside boasts high-end retail centers, a rapidly growing office population, and a charming historic downtown fused with upscale dining, shopping and entertainment venues. It is home to four internationally recognized universities and colleges which support a growing student population of more than 50,000. As an important financial and professional center, Riverside offers the support of numerous legal, accounting, brokerage, architectural, engineering, and technology firms as well as banking institutions. Businesses in the city benefit from city-owned electrical and water systems, high-speed fiber optic telecommunications, exceptional freeway system, BNSF and UPSP rail access, and a large corporate jet and general aviation airport.